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ATHENS PASS FREEMAN (TENNECO)

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SUBJ : TENNECO 7

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1. LETTER DATED 31 MAY DELIVERED TO WILLIAMS AT NYALA ABOUT 1900 LOCAL. LETTER FROM ELF TO TENNECO. HANDWRITING SAME AS 29 MAY LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMCON AND DORTZBACH.

2. LETTER DEMANDED USE OF IBRAHIM AL MORGANEY AS CONTACT AND REJECTED SHEIK ALAMIN. LETTER DEMANDED 1) RANSOM OF 3 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS; 2) TO BRING U.S. AND CANADIAN JOURNALIST TO ERITREA.

3. COMMENT : MITCHELL ADVISES THAT SHEIK ALAMIN BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY SAME GROUP OF ELF. ELF WOULD PREFER TO DEAL WITH BURTCHAELL WHO PROBABLY WILL PAY RANSOM, THAN WITH SHEIKS WHO DEMANDING RELEASE ON MORAL GROUNDS. IF RANSOM IS PAID THERE WILL BE PRICE ON EVERY AMERICAN'S HEAD IN ERITREA. HOSTAGES BEING HELD BY RADICAL ELEMENT. MODERATE ELF PRESSING FOR RELEASE WITH NO SUCCESS.
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